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TITLE OF INVENTION: ANTI-SARS MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Mary E. Mosher

Applicant(s)

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- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/16/09.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 3-10.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 8/2/07
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other Sequence alignment.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mike Williams (registration no. 45333) on July 27, 2009.

The specification has been amended as follows:

In the priority information inserted at page 1, line 1 in the amendment of 4/16/09, "December 5, 2004" has been changed to "December 5, 2003".

In the brief description of Figure 1 at page 6, the amendment of 4/16/09 replaces the original paragraph at page 6, lines 5-10. In addition, "Figure 6" has been changed to "Figures 6A and 6B".

The amendment to the Brief Description of Figures 7 and 8, filed 4/16/09, replaces the original paragraphs at page 6, lines 11-14.

The amendment to the Brief Description of Figure 9, filed 4/16/09, replaces the original paragraph at page 6, lines 15-16. In addition, "Figure 9" has been changed to "Figures 9-1 and 9-2".

The amendment to the Brief Description of Figure 10, filed 4/16/09, replaces the original paragraph at page 6, lines 17-18. In addition, "Figure 10" has been changed to "Figures 10-1 and 10-2".

Claims 5-9 have been amended as follows:

5. (currently amended) A method of preparing a chimeric antibody chain comprising:

introducing an expression vector which comprises a nucleic acid encoding a constant region domain of a human light or heavy chain and a nucleic acid encoding a light chain variable region G18-light as set forth in SEQ ID No. 32 or a heavy chain-variable region G18-heavy as set forth in SEQ ID No. 23 into a suitable host cell;

growing the host cell under conditions promoting expression of the chimeric antibody chain; and

recovering the chimeric antibody chain.

6. (currently amended) A method of preparing a humanized antibody chain comprising:

providing a nucleic acid comprising a light chain variable region G18-light as set forth in SEQ ID No. 32 or a heavy chain variable region G18-heavy as set forth in SEQ ID No. 23);

modifying said nucleic acid such that at least one but fewer than about 30 of the amino acid residues of said variable region has been changed and/or deleted to reduce immunogenicity in humans without disrupting antigen binding;

introducing said nucleic acid into a suitable host cell;

growing the host cell under conditions promoting expression of the humanized antibody chain; and

recovering the humanized antibody chain.

7. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a chimeric SARS antibody which comprises a chain made by the method of claim 5 and a suitable carrier.

8. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a humanized SARS antibody which comprises a chain made by the method of claim 6 and a suitable carrier.

9. A method of preparing a ~~vaccine~~ SARS antigen comprising:
recovering from a preparation of live, attenuated or recombinant Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) virus, antigens ~~recognized by~~ bound to monoclonal antibody G26G18 having a light chain amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID No 14 and a heavy chain amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID No. 5.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The replacement drawings for figures 1-6 and 11 were received on 4/16/09.

These drawings are accepted.

The prior art does not teach or suggest an anti-SARS monoclonal antibody comprising SEQ ID NO: 14 or 5, or humanized variants with up to about 30 humanizing amino acid changes in the light chain variable region sequence or the heavy chain variable region. Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to clarify that an antibody chain is produced, consistent with the active steps reciting a light chain OR a heavy chain sequence. Claim 6 has also been amended to clarify that the amino acid modifications in the active steps are humanizing modifications. Claims 7 and 8 have been amended to clarify that they are drawn to anti-SARS antibodies which comprise the products of the chimerization/humanization methods of claims 5 and 6. Claim 9 has been amended to clarify that the method requires actual use of the monoclonal antibody, and that the product recovered in the process is an antigen, consistent with the original active step.

The closest art is Sui et al (PNAS 101: 2536-2541, 2004; in IDS), which teaches a human SARS spike protein-binding monoclonal antibody 8C. This is somewhat similar to the humanized antibody in the composition of claim 8, because Sui's antibody 8C comprises a light chain variable region with 35 changes from SEQ ID NO:14, see the attached alignment. However, this exceeds the "about 30" maximum. Also, many of the changes are not located in regions which would reduce immunogenicity in humans, they include changes in all three CDR regions. Finally, the reference is not available as prior art, since humanized variants of SEQ ID NO:14 is discussed in provisional application 60/526971, filed prior to publication of the Sui reference.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mary E. Mosher whose telephone number is 571-272-0906. The examiner can normally be reached on varying dates and times; please leave a message.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Larry R. Helms can be reached on 571-272-0832. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Mary E Mosher/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1648

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